

REMARKS

Claims 2-11 and 14-23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2-4, 7-8, and 10-11 have been amended, claims 1 and 12-13 have been canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter found therein, and claims 14-23 are added. The Replacement Sheet for Fig. 7 adds the legend Related Art and is in compliance with MPEP §608.02(g). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn. Also, the title of the specification has been amended. Furthermore, the specification has been amended so that the figures recited at page 12, lines 15 and 24; at page 13, line 21, and at page 15, line 3, agree with Figs. 2A-2B, 3A-3D, 4A-4B, and 5A-5C as designated in the drawings. No new matter has been added.

In paragraph 10, on page 7 of the Office action, claims 2-6 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability of claims 2-6. Accordingly, claims 2-4 have been amended to include the features of claim 1 and are allowable. Additionally, the dependencies of claims 7-8 and 10-11 have been amended so that claims 7-8 and 10-11 depend from allowable claim 2.

In paragraph 7, on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Toshiba (JP 8-249852). The cancellation of claims 12 and 13 makes this rejection moot.

In paragraph 9, on page 4 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 7-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Toshiba in view of Taguchi et al. (Taguchi), U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0185393 A1. The cancellation of claim 1 and the change of dependencies of claims 7-8 and 10-11 from claim 1 to claim 2 make this rejection moot.

Amendments to the Drawings:

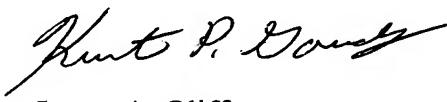
The attached replacement drawing sheet makes changes to Fig. 7 and replaces the original sheet with Fig. 7.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (1)

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 2-11 and 14-23 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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